

Food for Thought

For the week of December 22, 2013

(Questions and Scriptures for further personal study)

1. This weekend we were reminded of how significant Jesus's birth was in a time of seeming silence from God. The same can be true for all of us as the challenges and confusion of life can cause us to lose hope and see God as absent. As you read Ephesians 3:14-4:5, what hope are you given for when life is confusing and God seems nowhere to be found?

2. Our worship of God is a response that makes sense when we really understand the sacrifice he made through his son, Jesus. Yet, when we forget the significance of the sacrifice Jesus made, we can make our worship more about what we do than what he did. To be reminded of the incredible sacrifice Jesus made for us, read Isaiah 53 and jot down anything that is a good reminder and can add to the significance of living a life of worship and obedience to our creator.

3. Christmas Reflection: Take some time to reflect and read the Christmas story (Luke 2:1-10) focusing on being thankful for God's gift to you. You can do this by yourself or also join with family and friends for a time of praise, worship, and thanksgiving. You could also use this video of the song "Oh, Holy Night" to reflect on what God has done for us [youtube.com/watch?v=Vp0XkQfMJEM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vp0XkQfMJEM).